



**The Holy, Glorious, and All-famed Apostle Andrew the First-Called  
Whom the Holy Church Celebrates on November 30.**

This Saint was from Bethsaida of Galilee; he was the son of Jonas and the brother of Peter, the chief of the Apostles. He had first been a disciple of John the Baptist; afterwards, on hearing the Baptist's witness concerning Jesus, when he pointed Him out with his finger and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, Which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29, 36), he straightway followed Christ, and became His first disciple; wherefore he is called the First-called of the Apostles. After the Ascension of the Saviour, he preached in various lands; and having suffered many things for His Name's sake, he died in Patras of Achaia, where he was crucified on a cross in the shape of an "X," the first letter of "Christ" in Greek; this cross is also the symbol of Saint Andrew.

Rest from labour. Wine and oil allowed.

Text: [The Great Horologion](#) © 1997 The Holy Transfiguration Monastery Brookline, Massachusetts 02445  
Icon courtesy The Holy Transfiguration Monastery Brookline, Massachusetts 02445

*Dismissal Hymn Fourth Tone.*

**A**S the first-called of the Apostles, and brother of their leader, O Andrew, entreat the Master of all that peace be granted unto the world and great mercy to our souls.

*Kontakion. Second Tone*

**L**ET us acclaim the namesake of courage, that herald of things divine, the first-called of the Saviour's disciples, and the kinsman of Peter; for as he formerly cried out to him, so doth he now to us: Come, we have found the Desired One.

